

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method of testing for hepatic diseases comprising collecting breath, quantifying isopropanol and/or cyanides in the breath, and analyzing a result thereof.
2. (Original) A method of testing according to claim 1 for testing for hepatic cirrhosis.
3. (Currently Amended) A breath analyzing apparatus for testing for hepatic diseases comprising a breath collecting section for introducing breath to be analyzed, a breath analyzing section wherein isopropanol and/or cyanides in the breath are quantified, and a data-processing section which analyzes the quantified result obtained by the breath analyzing ~~section.~~ section to detect a hepatic disease.
4. (Original) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim 3 wherein the breath collecting section consists of a breath collecting means and a breath transfer means.
5. (Original) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim 4 wherein the breath collecting means is a mouthpiece or a mask.
6. (Original) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim 4 wherein the breath collecting means is a communicating opening for connecting a breath container.
7. (Previously Presented) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim 4 wherein the breath transfer means comprises a duct which connects the breath collecting means and the breath analyzing section so that the breath can flow from the breath collecting means through the duct to the breath analyzing section.
8. (Previously Presented) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim 7 wherein the breath transfer means further includes a pump means to send breath to the breath analyzing section.

9. (Previously Presented) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim 7 wherein the breath collecting means includes a mouthpiece or a mask, a communicating opening for connecting a breath container, and a valve means which can be switched so that only one of (a) the mouthpiece or the mask and (b) the breath container communicates with the breath analyzing section is provided at the duct.

10. (Original) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim 3 wherein the breath analyzing section comprises a mass spectrometer.

11. (Previously Presented) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim 4 wherein the breath analyzing section comprises a mass spectrometer.

12. (Original) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim 7 wherein the breath analyzing section comprises a mass spectrometer.

13. (Original) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim 9 wherein the breath analyzing section comprises a mass spectrometer.

14.-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) A breath analyzing apparatus for testing for hepatic cirrhosis comprising a breath collecting section for introducing breath to be analyzed, a breath analyzing section wherein isopropanol and/or cyanides in the breath are quantified, and a data-processing section which analyzes the quantified result obtained by the breath analyzing ~~section.~~ section to detect hepatic cirrhosis.

22. (Previously Presented) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim 21 wherein the breath collecting section consists of a breath collecting means and a breath transfer means.

23. (Previously Presented) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim 22 wherein the breath collecting means is a mouthpiece or a mask.

24. (Previously Presented) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim 22 wherein the breath collecting means is a communicating opening for connecting a breath container.

25. (Previously Presented) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim 22 wherein the breath transfer means comprises a duct which connects the breath collecting means and the breath analyzing section so that the breath can flow from the breath collecting means through the duct to the breath analyzing section.

26. (Previously Presented) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim 25 wherein the breath transfer means further includes a pump means to send breath to the breath analyzing section.

27. (Previously Presented) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim 25 wherein the breath collecting means includes a mouthpiece or a mask, a communicating opening for connecting a breath container, and a valve means which can be switched so that only one of (a) the mouthpiece or the mask and (b) the breath container communicates with the breath analyzing section is provided at the duct.

28. (Previously Presented) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim 21 wherein the breath analyzing section comprises a mass spectrometer.

29. (Previously Presented) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim 22 wherein the breath analyzing section comprises a mass spectrometer.

30. (Previously Presented) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim 25 wherein the breath analyzing section comprises a mass spectrometer.

31. (Currently Amended) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim ~~22~~ 27 wherein the breath analyzing section comprises a mass spectrometer.

32. (Previously Presented) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim 3 wherein at least isopropanol in the breath is quantified.

33. (Previously Presented) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim 3 wherein at least cyanides in the breath are quantified.

34. (Previously Presented) The breath analyzing apparatus according to claim 3 wherein both isopropanol and cyanides in the breath are quantified.